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Mr. Neil Hosler McElroy

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Dear Neil:

I sincerely appreciated your letter of May 12, enclosing the admirable editorial from the Cincinnati Enquirer. As the events of the last couple of days at the Summit indicate, the going has become even rougher than when you wrote.

Here, we feel quite clearly that Mr. Khrushchev has taken the plane incident as an excuse for breaking off a conference which he no longer wanted, or alternatively, which powerful elements in the Kremlin no longer wanted, and to avoid the President's trip to Russia, of which he was becoming more and more apprehensive.

Clover and I are looking forward to seeing Camilla and you early next month.

With renewed thanks,

Sincerely,

(Signed) ALLEN W. DULLES

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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